

House File 375 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hunting near schools, and making penalties
2 applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.123, subsection 1, Code 2023, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A In addition to limits imposed in subsection 1A, a
4 person shall not discharge a firearm or shoot or attempt to
5 shoot a game or fur-bearing animal within two hundred yards of
6 a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock or within
7 two hundred yards of a feedlot unless the owner or tenant has
8 given consent. However, within the corporate limits of a city,
9 a person may take deer with a firearm within fifty yards of
10 a building inhabited by people or domestic livestock, or a
11 feedlot pursuant to an approved special deer population control
12 plan, if the person obtains permission of the owner or tenant
13 of the building or feedlot.

14 Sec. 2. Section 481A.123, Code 2023, is amended by adding
15 the following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A person shall not use a bow within
17 seventy-five yards of the premises of a school to take or
18 attempt to take a game or fur-bearing animal. A person shall
19 not use a firearm or other hunting device, other than a bow,
20 within one-half mile of the premises of a school to take or
21 attempt to take a game or fur-bearing animal.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to hunting near schools. Current law
26 generally prohibits a person from discharging a firearm or
27 shooting or attempting to shoot game or fur-bearing animals
28 within 200 yards of a building inhabited by people or domestic
29 livestock or within 200 yards of a feedlot. The bill prohibits
30 a person from using a bow within 75 yards of the premises of a
31 school to take or attempt to take a game or fur-bearing animal.
32 Additionally, the bill prohibits a person from using a firearm
33 or other hunting device, other than a bow, within one-half mile
34 of the premises of a school to take or attempt to take a game or
35 fur-bearing animal. A person who violates the bill is subject

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1 to a scheduled fine of \$35.